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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES  
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)  
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**CUSTOMER NO. **22,852**  
ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER  
**01435.0204**U.S. APPLICATION NO.  
(If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)**10/525731**

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.

INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE

PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED

**PCT/GB2003/003583**

August 14, 2003

August 30, 2002

TITLE OF INVENTION

**PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR DEGASSING A POLYMER**

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

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Applicant(s) herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☐ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☒ The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).
  - a. ☒ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed with the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☐ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).
  - a. ☐ is attached hereto.
  - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d)(4).
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).
  - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).

Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

11. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☐ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
15. ☐ A Substitute specification.
16. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825.
18. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application 35 U.S.C. 154 (d)(4).
20. ☒ Other items or information:
  - a. ☒ Copy of cover page of International Publication No. **WO 2004/020482 A1**
  - b. ☐ Copy of Notification of Missing Requirements.
  - c. ☐

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21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:					
<b>BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (1) - (5)):</b>				\$300.00	CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY
National Stage Search Fee.....				\$500.00	
National Stage Examination Fee.....				\$200.00	
ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =				\$1000.00	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (e)). <div style="float: right;"> <input type="checkbox"/> 20    <input type="checkbox"/> 30         </div>					
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total Claims	18	- 20 =	x \$50.00	\$	
Independent Claims	2	- 3 =	x \$200.00	\$	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+\$360.00	\$ 360.00	
<b>TOTAL OF THE ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				\$1360.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.					
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>				\$1360.00	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than months from the earliest priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). <div style="float: right;"> <input type="checkbox"/> 20    <input type="checkbox"/> 30         </div>					
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>				\$1360.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21 (h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property.					\$
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>				\$1360.00	
					Amount to be refunded: \$
					charged: \$
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ <u>1360.00</u> to cover the above fees is enclosed. b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>06-0916</u> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. <b>Credit card information should not be included on this form.</b> Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.					
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137 (a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.					
<b>SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:</b> Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, L.L.P. 901 New York Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20001-4413					
DATED: February 28, 2005				<div style="text-align: center;">          SIGNATURE          Ernest F. Chapman, Reg. No. 25,961          NAME/REGISTRATION NO.       </div>	

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